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# S. 939

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2019

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Concerns Over Nations  
5       Funding University Campus Institutes in the United  
6       States Act” or the “CONFUCIUS Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.**

8       (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Confu-  
9       cius Institute” means a cultural institute directly or indi-

1 rectly funded by the Government of the People’s Republic  
 2 of China.

3 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.—An  
 4 institution of higher education or other postsecondary edu-  
 5 cational institution (referred to in this section as an “insti-  
 6 tution”) shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds from  
 7 the Department of Education (except funds under title IV  
 8 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
 9 et seq.) or other Department of Education funds that are  
 10 provided directly to students) unless the institution en-  
 11 sures that any contract or agreement between the institu-  
 12 tion and a Confucius Institute includes clear provisions  
 13 that—

- 14 (1) protect academic freedom at the institution;
- 15 (2) prohibit the application of any foreign law  
 16 on any campus of the institution; and
- 17 (3) grant full managerial authority of the Con-  
 18 fucius Institute to the institution, including full con-  
 19 trol over what is being taught, the activities carried  
 20 out, the research grants that are made, and who is  
 21 employed at the Confucius Institute.

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